

## ASHTON, JOHN (1830 - 1896), musician

**Name:** John Ashton  
**Date of birth:** 1830  
**Date of death:** 1896  
**Gender:** Male  
**Occupation:** musician  
**Area of activity:** Music; Performing Arts  
**Author:** Robert David Griffith

Born in a house called Oleuddu, near Trefeglwys, Montgomeryshire. He was a shoemaker by trade, but meeting with an accident which prevented him from following that occupation, he joined the police force. Hymn tunes composed by him - they include ' Trefeglwys,' composed in 1857 -are found in *Llyfr Tonau CynulleidfaoI*, *Caniadau y Cysegr a'r Teulu*, and *Cerddor yr Ysgol Sabothol*, and there are songs and part-songs in *Miwsig y Miloedd*. He emigrated to New Zealand in 1874, and died there on Christmas Day 1896.

### Author

Robert David Griffith, (1877 - 1958)

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### Further Reading

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